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The Honorable Dale E. Ho
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Helen Greene Johnson v. United States of America*, 24 Civ. 872 (DEH);
Muhammad A. Aziz v. United States of America, 24 Civ. 874 (DEH)

Dear Judge Ho:

This Office represents the United States of America (“Government”), defendant in these two related actions brought pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 *et seq.* We write respectfully to request a twenty-one-day extension of the deadline for the Government to file its Answers, currently due December 26. The Government requires additional time to prepare its Answers in light of the number and breadth of allegations in the *Aziz* and *Greene-Johnson* complaints, which contain 293 and 288 paragraphs, respectively; the fact that the Government is simultaneously devoting significant efforts to its ongoing document discovery obligations; and the upcoming holidays.

This is the Government’s first request to extend the deadline to respond to the Complaints in these consolidated matters. If the Court grants the Government’s request, the Answers would be due January 15. Plaintiffs consent to the Government’s request.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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